

**MINUTES OF THE
LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY STEERING COMMITTEE**
Tuesday, August 23, 2011 – 8:30 a.m. – Senate Chamber & Room 450 Capitol Building

Members Present:

Sen. Curtis S. Bramble, Senate Chair
Rep. John Dougall, House Chair
Sen. Kevin T. Van Tassell
Rep. Patrice M. Arent
Rep. Ronda Rudd Menlove
Mr. Jonathan Ball
Mr. Ric Cantrell
Mr. Michael E. Christensen
Mr. Joe Pyrah
Mr. John M. Schaff

Absent Members:

Sen. Patricia W. Jones

Staff Present:

Mr. Mark J Allred, IT Manager
Mr. Thomas R. Vaughn, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Chelsea B. Lloyd, Legislative Secretary

Note: A list of others present, a copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

1. Committee Business

Chair Dougall called the meeting to order at 8:46 a.m. in the Senate Chamber.

MOTION: Rep. Arent moved to approve the minutes of the May 31, 2011 meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Menlove was absent for the vote.

2. Voting System Demonstrations

International Roll Call (IRC), participating by teleconference, presented their voting system, which included display options for legislators and the public, functionality and flexibility for users, and upgrades from the current system at no additional cost to the Legislature.

Mr. Brooke Anderson, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel (OLRGC), presented the in-house voting system developed by legislative staff. Mr. Anderson explained the display options, functionality, and social network capabilities available.

Speaker Lockhart commented that the new in-house voting system would eliminate the potential for mistakes due to fewer keystrokes required by staff when inputting bill actions.

Ms. Sandy Tenney, Chief Clerk, Utah House of Representatives, commented that the in-house system provides for customization and would be beneficial for responding to Utah-specific needs in voting procedures.

Mr. Ball commented on the need for education on the operations of the system to ensure that many staff members are familiar with how the system functions.

The Committee discussed the importance of incorporating new technologies into the voting system going forward.

Mr. Allred explained that, in the 2012 General Session, staff will test the generation of resolutions in XML, and will likely entirely replace the WordPerfect system with XML in the coming year.

MOTION: Sen. Bramble moved to recommend to the Legislative Management Committee (LMC) that the in-house system developed by the OLRGC be approved as the voting system, with the intention of keeping up-to-date with current technologies and moving towards an XML-based system as opposed to WordPerfect. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Menlove was absent for the vote.

3. Summary of Responses to Streaming Video/Audio RFI

Mr. Allred explained that the Request for Information (RFI) regarding streaming audio and video included 15 responses, which consisted of an array of possibilities and options. Mr. Cantrell explained that Granicus offered many functions that would be useful for the Legislature and will integrate well with current technologies.

The Committee discussed the option of issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a streaming audio and video solution.

Mr. Vaughn explained that the RFP process will take approximately two months and requires approval from LMC.

MOTION: Sen. Van Tassell moved to recommend to LMC that an RFP be issued for streaming video/audio capacities for the Legislature, with the intention that the new product be available before the 2012 General Session.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Mr. Cantrell moved to issue the RFP with the intention of rewarding the bid to an outside source not affiliated with the legislative staff.

The motion passed unanimously.

4. Report on Technology Survey

Mr. Allred presented information from the information technology survey of legislative staff and legislators. He explained the survey results, including desk phone and mobile phone usage, mobile phone satisfaction, and the utilization of a stipend for legislative-issued devices.

5. Email for the Legislature

Mr. Allred explained that the Executive Branch has selected Google for their email operating system. Mr. Allred presented the positives and negatives of GroupWise, Microsoft Exchange, Microsoft Cloud, and Google-based email systems.

MOTION: Sen. Bramble moved to recommend to LMC that an RFP be issued for an email operating system using a cloud-based solution. Additionally, Sen. Bramble moved to have staff find out which email system the state courts use and to identify potential domain-related issues involving a change in an email operating system.

6. Other Items / Adjourn

MOTION: Chair Dougall moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

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Chair Dougall adjourned the meeting at 11:11 a.m.